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Medical Practice Question

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Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis With Sex Hormones

QUESTION:

Is it considered accepted medical practice to treat rheumatoid arthritis by injecting a patient with sex hormones?

OPINION:

In the opinion of the Scientific Advisory Panel on Internal Medicine, the injection of sex hormones to treat rheumatoid arthritis is not considered accepted medical practice. No scientific data have been published to prove that this treatment is of any benefit.